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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: DD/S&T Duty Officer Component in the CIA Operations Center

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Senior DD/S&T Duty Officer to DD/S&T, Recommendations for the Establishment of a DD/S&T Duty Officer Component in the CIA Operations Center, 9 July 1973 (DD/S&T-2067-73)

1. OEL has reviewed the referenced document and fully concurs on the establishment of a DD/S&T Component within the CIA Operations Center (Opcen). However, as you are aware, OEL has operated the Special Systems Operations Center (SSOC) for the past four years. During this period of time the SSOC has routinely performed the duty officer function for OEL and in many cases DD/S&T [redacted] as well as for DDI [redacted] DDO [redacted] and provided CIA Opcen real time notification of [redacted] Other real time alerting/notification has been performed on a one-time basis at the specific request of various operational components of the Agency. In addition, the SSOC routinely provides the emergency focal point [redacted] for all personnel assigned to OEL overseas collection sites; i.e., [redacted]

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2. We point out the above to give a better insight to the current SSOC operations and what would be involved in the transition to a fully responsive NIOC operation. We therefore submit the following suggestions/recommendations:

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a. Maintain a senior DD/S&T Officer in the CIA Opcen initially on a routine five day week work schedule. As experience is gained with the operation, this could be expanded to seven days per week or to 24 hours per day, as needed. The senior DD/S&T Duty Officer would review Opcen requirements and would be responsive on a DD/S&T level.

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c. Physically move the SSOC to the CIA Opcen area at a convenient time (early fiscal 1975 is suggested). Once the move has been made, SSOC should be totally responsive to CIA Opcen requirements and remain responsible to DD/S&T through OEL.

d. Retain the SSOC operational duty schedule of a four section watch with eight hour shifts. The SSOC T/O has [redacted] slots plus C/SSOC. This provides [redacted] per shift and allows for A/L, S/L or other emergencies.

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3. OEL fully agrees that FMSAC has the most complete DD/S&T data base of space/missile events and should be utilized in providing an analytical input into the Opcen reporting. FMSAC's capability of computer support in reading non-Agency cable traffic should further support the NIOC concept.

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4. In conclusion, I believe that the current SSOC operation can be systematically integrated into the NIOC concept. In the interim and until SSOC is physically moved to the CIA Opcen area the S&T input should be provided by telephone and/or dedicated TTY circuit between Opcen and SSOC.

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